



BCCP COORDINATING COMMITTEE RECORD OF DECISIONS FROM July 24, 2006

Action Items

- 1. Approve a request for a minor amendment to Federal Fish and Wildlife Permit PRT-788841 as discussed in presentation 1 and recommend approval to Austin City Council and Travis County Commissioners Court**
Postponed at 30 days on a motion from Commissioner Daugherty, Second by Mayor Wynn Carried 2/0
- 2. Approve proposed Land Exchange to improve public safety and staff safety for access to Reicher Ranch as discussed in presentation 2 and recommend approval to Austin City Council and Travis County Commissioners Court**
Motion to approve from Commissioner Daugherty, Second by Mayor Wynn, Carried 2/0
- 3. Approve the Record of Decisions for the Coordinating Committee meeting held on April 13, 20**
Carried as corrected to read Record of Decisions for March 22, 2006 on a motion from Commissioner Daugherty, second by Mayor Wynn, Carried 2/0

Citizens Communication

Jeff Mundy

Mr Mundy spoke representing Travis Audubon Society (TAS) regarding the proposal to move Water Treatment Plant 4. He explained that his organization neither supports nor opposes the proposal. They simply have not had enough time or information to consider it. TAS supports the City's attempt to do the right thing for Bull Creek. He also commended the BCCP advisory committees for their feedback to the Coordinating Committee regarding this proposal. He questioned how BCCP partners propose to reach the permit required 2000 acres of managed black-capped vireo habitat. He asked the Coordinating Committee to delay any action for at least 30 days. He also announced that TAS is close to adding additional acreage to its sanctuary.

Melody Lytle

Ms. Lytle applauded the City's attempt to protect the Jollyville Plateau salamander. However, she also expressed concern that with the proposal to move Water Treatment Plant 4 they would be destroying their only occupied black-capped vireo habitat. She advised the committee that the regional permit requires that 2000 acres of vireo habitat be managed. She observed that ten years into the permit COA has yet to create any habitat. She also commented that the City's proposal rises above the level of a minor permit amendment. She cited a reference from USFWS policy.

Joe Lessard

Mr. Lessard said that BCCP had a \$6 million to \$8 million funding gap in 1996. This gap is greater now because cost for acquisition and management have far exceeded any expectations at that time. He expressed that preserve management is specifically challenged beyond expectations because providing security and protection for urban preserves is critical and consumes more resources than ever expected. He suggested that BCCP needs a financing plan now to assure acquisition is completed. This plan must include new financing options.